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## RATHER TOO ROSY

Financial Showing Made by Gov. MacCorkle's Message.

## WILL NOT BEAR CLOSE SCRUTINY

The Large Balance in the Treasury Last October

## WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN THERE

Had All Obligations Been Met, and There Are Other Items that Will Bear Investigation—But These Matters Will Be Attended to Before the Legislature Adjourns—The School Book Question Will Again Cut a Figure—Agents Already in the Lobby—Proceedings of Both Houses.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 14.—The feature of an uneventful day has been the governor's message, which by a hitch in the arrangements was read in Wheeling before it was out in Charleston. Members generally have not had time to read it, so that their views concerning it are not to be had to any extent. Those who have read it comment on the financial showing which they regard as better than a careful scrutiny of the facts will warrant.

The balance of the state funds in the treasury October 1, 1896, is given as \$238,450. It is believed that if all obligations had been met there would have been no such balance, more likely a deficiency.

Again the estimated balance at the end of 1896 is put at \$54,397, but it is thought that this is not to be looked forward to with great confidence. The probability is that this legislature will know before it adjourns exactly what is the financial condition of the state, and what the Republican party has to start with in assuming the management of affairs. In the item of criminal charges there is a deficiency of \$70,000.

The governor recommends the creation of the office of state insurance commissioner, something which should have been done long ago. He recommends also that the school book question be taken from the legislature and handed over to the counties for them to work out their own salvation, a reform urged strongly by the Intelligencer two years ago. This question will cut a figure in the legislature. The advanced guard of book men has arrived, and others are thought to be on the way. Ginn & Co.'s man is the first on the ground.

Governor-elect Atkinson has named Colonel Casteel, of Kanawha, commander of the Second regiment, to be assistant adjutant general. C. B. H.

## THE LEGISLATURE.

The Election Returns Canvassed and Returns Officially Declared.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 14.—The two houses met at the expiration of the recess and the senate proceeded to the hall of the house of delegates to go into joint assembly to complete the canvassing of the returns of the late election. At 6 p. m. the work was completed and the votes were announced as follows:

For governor, Watts received 94,154; Atkinson, 108,729; Johnson, 1,502; Fitzgerald, 1,119.  
For auditor, Boggs, 63,929; La Follette, 26,221; Morrow, 1,236; Miller, 1,215.  
For state treasurer, Tucker, 67,445; Kendall, 106,136; Rutherford, 1,775; Oster, 1,232.  
For state superintendent of schools, Lewis, 93,921; Trotter, 105,105; Bower, 945; Martin, 1,230.  
For attorney general, Riley, 94,069; Rucker, 105,422; Lynch, 1,235.

The speaker thereupon declared the following to have received the largest number of votes cast and declared them elected to the following offices, respectively: Governor, George W. Atkinson; auditor, L. M. LaFollette; state treasurer, J. E. Kendall; state superintendent of schools, Edgar P. Rucker. The joint assembly then dissolved and the senate returned to its chamber.

On motion of Mr. Stapleton, a committee was appointed to wait upon the governor and inform him that the two houses of the legislature were now regularly organized and ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make to them. The speaker appointed as such committee, Messrs. Stapleton, Childers and Arnolds.

The speaker announced the appointment of the following committee on privileges and election: Messrs. Stapleton, Cline, Creaman, Leach, Ferrell, Stevens and Vickers.

On motion of Mr. Jones, a resolution was adopted, authorizing the auditor to draw his warrants upon the treasury for the per diem and mileage of the members and attaches of the legislature.

Committee Clerks and Pages.

On motion of Mr. Stapleton, the speaker was authorized to appoint ten committee clerks and not more than ten pages, seven assistants to the chief clerk and two stenographers.

Mr. Bennett offered a resolution, providing for an amendment to the rules which provide for the appointment of a standing committee on immigration and agriculture, making a separate committee on immigration and also a separate committee on agriculture. Mr. Patton from the senate communicated to the house the passage of senate joint resolution No. 1, providing for a joint committee composed of two members of the senate and three of the house to wait upon the governor and inform him that the two houses of the legislature were now organized and ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

On motion of Mr. Hughes, of Kanawha, the members of the house were requested to refer their certificates of election to the committee on privileges and elections.

Mr. Garvin offered a resolution, authorizing the speaker to appoint a journal page to see that each member of the house was supplied with journals and bills, the page to receive 12 per day. The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Hansford offered a resolution, requesting the secretary to furnish to the members of the house each a copy of the code of West Virginia and acts of 1885, 1886 and 1887, and the journal of the house of the session of 1896.

Mr. Leach offered a resolution, authorizing the speaker to appoint some suitable person to take charge of the cloak room, the pay to be 12 per day. The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Hervey offered a resolution, authorizing the speaker to appoint John

T. Jones, assistant door keeper, at a salary of \$2 per day. Objection was made to this resolution and the vote being taken, it was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the speaker was authorized to invite the clergy of the city to open each session with prayer.

On motion of Mr. Jones, the clerk of the house was authorized to furnish three hundred extra copies of the journal to the members.

Mr. Morrison offered a resolution, prohibiting any one from smoking in the hall of the house of delegates during its sessions, which was adopted.

Mr. John Baker White, private secretary to the governor, appeared and laid before the house of delegates the governor's message. The message was read, after which the house adjourned until 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

Senate Proceedings.

After the dissolution of the joint assembly the senate repaired to its hall and was called to order by the president.

Mr. Gramm offered a resolution, authorizing the president to appoint a librarian to take charge of the books of the senate. The resolution went over.

Mr. Matthews offered a resolution, authorizing the president to appoint two journal clerks with the pay of assistant clerk, which went over, under rule 1.

On motion of Mr. Cook, the clerk of the city of Charleston were invited to be present and open the sessions of the senate with prayer.

Mr. Patton offered a senate joint resolution No. 2, authorizing the appointment of a joint committee composed of two members of the senate and three of the house to wait upon the governor and inform him that the two houses of the legislature were now regularly organized and ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make. The resolution was adopted and a committee was appointed in compliance therewith. Subsequently, Mr. John Baker White, the governor's private secretary, appeared and laid before the senate a message from the governor. The message was taken up and partly read, after which the senate adjourned until Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

ELECTION CONTESTS

In Lewis County—Representative Tactics of the Democrats.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WESTON, W. Va., Jan. 14.—The election contest cases are progressing here extremely slow, on account of the many frivolous objections and other dilatory tactics of counsel for the contestants. It is their intention to delay as long as possible to the end of the cases for the purpose of retaining in office the Democrats who hold the positions.

With this end in view, they have resorted to all kinds of unheard of moves for the past few days, culminating yesterday in a most flagrant and unwarranted onslaught on the county court, and particularly Judge Jasper Peterson, who has been such a faithful and constant servant of the people that he has been nominated and elected again and again against his expressed will and over his protest. This it was hoped would so mortify and embarrass him that as a matter of delicacy, he would resign, which he first determined to do, but later decided to remain on the court.

The evidence is now but fairly begun and the case promises to be a very voluminous one. Prosecuting Attorney Waring of Kingwood, is assisting attorney R. G. Linn for the contestants.

State Supreme Court.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 14.—The supreme court met this morning. All the judges were present except Judge Dent, who is detained at home on account of the serious illness of his wife.

Judge English was chosen president of the court until further orders.

The following cases were disposed of: Sayre vs. King, from Jackson county, writ of certiorari awarded.

Morrison vs. Waggy, from Braxton county, writ of certiorari awarded.

Snyder Bros. vs. Scott Turner, from Cabell county, dismissed for failure to print.

Parke vs. Ohio River Railroad Company, from Jackson county, submitted.

Bank of Ravenswood vs. Hamilton, from Jackson county, submitted.

Bank of Spencer vs. Simmons, from Boone county, submitted.

State of West Virginia vs. Cheney et al., from Clay county, partly heard and continued until to-morrow.

Adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

IN CONGRESS.

Senate Passes the Free Homestead Bill.

Oleomargarine Measure.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The senate to-day passed the measure known as the free homestead bill, which has been under discussion since the holiday recess. It is a measure of far reaching importance, particularly to the west, and the interest in it was shown by the fact that a plank concerning it was a feature of the several national platforms. The effect of the bill is to open to settlement all public lands acquired from Indians, free of any payment to the government beyond the minor office fees, and to release from payment those who have heretofore settled on those lands.

The house spent almost the entire day debating the Grouse bill, which was under consideration for a time yesterday, to subject oleomargarine and other imitation dairy products to the laws of the states into which they are transported. The advocates of the measure took the view that the states should be allowed to regulate the sale of a product selling under false colors and the opponents in view that the bill would establish a dangerous precedent and invade the power of Congress to regulate inter-state commerce.

UNITED MINE WORKERS

Have a Sensational Session—Delegate Expelled from the Convention.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 14.—The proceedings of the national convention of the United Mine Workers to-day were on the senatorial order. John A. Cairns, president of the Pittsburgh district, being expelled from the convention.

Cairns had distributed among the delegates a circular claiming that the gag law had been applied to officials of the organization in refusing to publish an article written by him for the United Workers' Journal, and making an attack on President Penna. The trouble between Cairns and Penna grew out of the convention in the Pittsburgh district which made a voluntary reduction in the price of mining on the advice of Mr. Penna, the object of the reduction being to defeat a rank movement of Democrats, the coal operator. Cairns refused to appear in the convention to make a defense and was unanimously condemned and expelled. The official acts of President Penna during his term of office were endorsed unanimously.

A proposition to levy an assessment of twenty-five cents per capita per month on all members of the organization to create a defense fund, was referred to a special committee. A committee was also appointed to arrange for a joint conference with the operators of the Ohio and Pittsburgh districts on the question of a differential between the two districts.

## LODGE'S LOQUACITY

He Even Acknowledges That He Saw the President-Elect.

## HE PRAISES GOVERNOR LONG.

Says Massachusetts and All New England Like Him.

## A REMARKABLE INTERVIEW.

Senator Sherman Leaves Washington to Confer with McKinley—Will Definitely Determine when He Will Resign the Senatorship—Mark Hanna Will Fill the Vacancy—Cornelius N. Bliss Settles All Doubts in Regard to His Selection—Alger Makes a Substantial Denial of His Leading Rumors.

CANTON, Ohio, Jan. 14.—Senator Lodge, who came here this morning, left for the east at 2:55 this afternoon. The object of his visit he declined to state. But he said sufficient to show that the conference did not concern himself and the cabinet.

He was seen by an Associated Press representative just as he was leaving the city. In response to an inquiry concerning his visit, the senator said:

"We had a confidential talk and what we said, I certainly cannot speak of." "There is some talk to the effect that you are a cabinet possibility. Is that true?"

"Almost every prominent man has been named as a possibility for the cabinet. As for myself, Major McKinley has known right along that I had no desire to enter the cabinet. My desire is to remain in the senate."

"Ex-Governor Long, of your state, has been recently mentioned as a possible member of the coming cabinet. Have you said anything to Major McKinley about him?"

"As I said before," was the reply, "what passed between Major McKinley and myself was and is strictly confidential. However, Governor Long is a splendid man, and well thought of in our state and all New England."

"Do you think Senator Sherman has accepted the state portfolio?"

"I have not seen Mr. Sherman for some days, was his reply, as he pushed contentedly at a cigarette, "and can't say what his latest decision is. I see the papers have been fixing him for the portfolio."

Mrs. McKinley this afternoon gave an informal luncheon in honor of Mrs. Judd Brooks, of Sewickley, Penna., sister-in-law of Vice President J. Irving Brooks, of the Pennsylvania company, General Williams, ex-department commander of the Ohio G. A. R., and ex-State Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of this state, with several other prominent knights, made a social call during the afternoon.

TO VISIT MCKINLEY.

Senator Sherman Leaves Washington to Confer with the Major.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 14.—Senator John Sherman, who has accepted the position of secretary of state in Mr. McKinley's cabinet, left to-night for Canton, to have a conference with the President-elect. It has been known for several days past that Mr. Sherman intended to go to Canton, but the date of his departure was definitely fixed. He left to-night at 7:10 on the Pennsylvania road and will reach Canton to-morrow. Senator Sherman's departure has been delayed on account of the extradition treaties in the senate, of which he had charge.

It is understood that during Senator Sherman's visit to Ohio it will be definitely determined when his resignation will take effect, so there will be no delay in the appointment of his successor. His resignation will be tendered to Governor Russell, who will, as now agreed upon, name Mr. Hanna to serve until the meeting of the legislature.

He Ought to Know.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Cornelius N. Bliss to-day confirmed the rumor that he is not to be a member of the next cabinet. He was seen at his Worth street office by an Associated Press representative, to whom he said:

"I am not to be a member of Major McKinley's cabinet." Further than this Mr. Bliss would not go. He declined to admit that he had been asked a place in the cabinet. Neither would he give his reasons for making this statement to-day.

Alger Denies.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 14.—General R. A. Alger returned from Washington this afternoon. He denied having any knowledge of the alleged statement by Major McKinley, to the effect that if his (Alger's) resignation was accepted, his appointment to the war portfolio would follow. The general said he visited Senator Sherman while in Washington, to urge him to speak at the Michigan club's annual banquet.

Administration Charities.

CANTON, Ohio, Jan. 14.—For weeks the prominent carriage firms of the country have been endeavoring to obtain an order from Major McKinley for carriages to be used during his incumbency at the national capital. To-day Major McKinley decided on three carriages, a landau, a cabriolet and a phaeton. The carriages are to be finished inside in green morocco, the exterior body panels are to be dark green and striped with black, the mountings to be in silver.

The cost of these is said to be about five thousand dollars. They are to be delivered in Washington and be at the depot for Major McKinley and family when the latter arrive in the national capital.

Involving West Virginia's Property.

SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 14.—Judge Archibald to-day rendered a decision on the appeal of the executors of the estate of the late Judge John Handley and the city of Winchester, Va., from the collateral inheritance tax agreement made by the entire estate in taxable and the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which consequently came into \$30,000. An incidental ruling gives certain Scranton charities and the city of Winchester an equal share in 25,000 acres of coal and timber land, valued at \$400,000, in Virginia and West Virginia.

Fatal Gas Explosion.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

MANNINGTON, W. VA., Jan. 14.—An explosion of gas occurred at the H. L. Smith coal well on Stout's run, near St. Albans, West. county, resulting in fatal injuries to Mike Kelley, the contractor, and Jack Stout, aged 25, and the serious burning of another man.

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## PLATT IN A WALK.

Choate Never in It—Hot Fight on Hand in Illinois.

## ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 14.—

Without the usual formula of a nominating speech to-night, with no word of eulogy, but with a strength of votes that was overwhelming, Thomas C. Platt was named as the Republican candidate for United States senator by a vote of 147 to 7 for Joseph H. Choate. Two were absent. Seldom, if ever, has the assembly chamber, the meeting place of the joint Republican caucus on the United States senatorship, presented such a lively scene as it did to-night. Long before the hour for assembling had arrived the galleries were filled with visitors. Before the ballot was taken a resolution was adopted to make the choice of the caucus binding on all Republican members. The ballot resulted as already stated, and the nomination was made unanimous amid applause.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 14.—The senatorship contest was a bedlam of confusion to-day. Rumors of withdrawal of candidates and counter rumors were flying fast.

The weary leaders after a night of toll set about to get together the joint steering committee. It was 10 o'clock before all the members could be rounded up. The followers of ex-Congressman W. E. Mason were jubilant on account of the protracted Madden conference. They claimed it showed weakness in the Madden ranks. Congressman Hitt and his men and those of Samuel Allerton and those backing the candidacy of Col. Clark E. Carr are watching the proceedings with interest, each hoping to gain a big extra following should Madden's forces go to pieces.

As soon as the joint Republican steering committee met it elected Senator Sperry, of Peoria, chairman, and Representative Anderson, of Henderson, secretary. It then postponed the time for holding the Republican senatorial caucus till 5 o'clock to-morrow afternoon in accord with the request of the Madden leaders.

There were numerous sensational stories about the state house and hotels to the effect that Governor Tanner had come out flat-footed for Madden. E. R. Brainerd, the head chief of the Madden camp, made an emphatic denial that this was true. "John R. Tanner is taking no part in the senatorial fight what," he said, "Mr. Brainerd. 'He is not going to take part, or in any way use his influence in favor of any one of the numerous candidates. We have not asked him to do so, and will not ask him. If we win, and we know we will, we want to win on the merits of our candidates."

It has just been announced by one of M. B. Madden's friends that the Chicago alderman has announced his withdrawal from the senatorial race. Ex-Congressman W. E. Mason, of Chicago, says that Madden has promised to throw his support to him.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 14.—The ballot for senator to-day resulted: W. H. Claggett, 31; Fred T. Dubois, 26; C. W. Cooper, 6; J. R. Wester, 3; scattering, 4. Claggett lost the votes of two Democrats who supported him yesterday.

"OH, WOMAN!"

In Hours of Ease, Uncertain, Coy and Hard to Please."

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—A copyrighted cable from London to the Evening World says: The World correspondent sent to Budapest writes that it is the judgment, after nearly a fortnight of daily interviews, luncheons and dinners with the princess de Chimay and her gypsy lover, that both are already tired of their elopement. But the gypsy wants to make as much money out of it as possible before the inevitable parting.

The correspondent was with them last Saturday before returning to his post in Berlin, and reports that the pair quarreled constantly. "The manager of the Folies Bergeres, of Paris, and the manager of the winter garden of Berlin," he writes, "have arrived here and have had interviews with the princess, to whom they laid some propositions relating to engagements to sing at those places. They dined with the princess, but she declined their offers for the present."

"Her brother Eben Ward, who was staying in Cannes, is expected here, as the princess is engaged to him. 'The next few days might bring matters to a crisis. The princess says that if she could only find somebody else who would run away with her she would like to go immediately and probably would choose Japan as her next hunting ground.'"

"However, nothing the princess says can be depended on for she changes her mind every moment. She finds pleasure in telling all kinds of stories to every one who goes to see her."

"If" the correspondent adds, Prince Chimay had been well advised, he would have asked to have him wife examined by experts in mental disorders. There is no doubt that if this had been done she would have been placed in an asylum."

A NOVEL INDUSTRY.

The Useless Cornstalk Will Now be of Value to the Farmer.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—Edwin S. Cramp, of the Philadelphia ship building firm, completed plans here to-day for the opening of a factory at Rockford, Ill., about February 1, for the manufacture of ship paddy and cattle fodder from corn stalks, a patent for which was recently granted him.

Before the harvesting of the next crop it is expected that several other factories will be erected in the corn belt, and that which has heretofore been practically worthless will become a source of revenue to the farmers. Mr. Cramp stated that he had just completed contracts with the American Spirit Manufacturing Company to feed their cattle with the substance prepared from the pith, and portion of the corn stalk crop of 1897 will be used by him.

"We intend to invest a large amount of capital in making use of the inventions and build factories from year to year in favorable locations throughout the west, so that there will be no expense for transportation to most of those who sell us their product."

Mr. Cramp said that the price to be paid for the stalks will be \$2 a ton.

Protest Against the Treaty.

ARDMORE, I. T., Jan. 14.—Six hundred settlers, representing every section of the Chickasaw nation, assembled in convention here and adopted resolutions protesting against the Choctaw treaty negotiations by the Dawes commission. The terms of the treaty, it is claimed, make the settlers intruders and confiscate the improvements made by them on Indian lands. S. H. Talbert, a farmer, was delegated by the convention to go to Washington and present the claims of the settlers before Secretary Francis.

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